

Planning application – Wind Turbines High Moor Farm

The Parish Council is aware of the significant concern amongst residents, caused by the above planning application. Set out below is a summary of the salient points appertaining to this matter:

1. The Parish Council has been consulted by Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Department for its views over this planning application (this is normal practice – the Parish Council is consulted over all planning applications within the Parish) The Parish Council's response is appended below.
2. Objections to planning applications will only normally be recognised as valid if they fall into recognised planning considerations (details available from HBC) In this case, there are only two valid considerations, a) impact on the landscape, and, b) effect on the Green Belt.
3. For any planning application, a statutory notice must be displayed around the proposed site of the development, giving individuals three weeks to comment on or object to, the proposal. The Parish Council is aware that these "green notices" were displayed for a short time, but were quickly removed by unknown persons. HBC have now erected more signs, so the consultation period of three weeks recommences.
4. Anyone wishing to comment on or object to this planning application should write to HBC Planning Department, quoting reference 15/01718/FUL..

Alternatively, use this link to the Planning section of the HBC website.

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NN459GHYG8H00>

5. Parish Council's response.

The Parish Council's response is Category B ie object.

The objection is based on the significant negative impact on the landscape, the views both to and from Almscliffe Crag and all the surrounding area which, as well as being Green Belt, is extremely popular with tourists, walkers and horse riders etc.

There would be a massive visual impact on the area, shown on the document maps, throughout Lower Wharfedale and Harrogate District.

In addition, the siting of the turbines (AWAY FROM THE FARM BUILDINGS!!) implies they are not for private electricity generation, to improve farm facilities, but are for commercial income generation.